# **Little Sticks**

#### black

- **►**adjective
  - The colour of the night sky, e.g. He has black hair.

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# **►**adjective

- 1. Free from writing, having an empty space to be filled in, e.g. Please fill in the blank spaces on the form; Please give me a blank piece of paper; A blank check means a check without any amount of money written on it.
- 2. Without either smiling or frowning, e.g. I looked at him to see if he was angry with me but his face was completely blank.



**blast** ►noun

• An explosion, e.g. There was a bomb blast at the train station.



### blend

### ▶noun

- A mixture of two or more things, e.g. The juice is a blend of orange and pineapple.
- ►verb [blend, blending, blended]
  - (transitive) To mix or put together by and or in a blender (mixie machine), *e.g.* Put the mango and mint into the blender and mix them together to make chutney; Blend the colours together with the paint brush.

### blink

#### **>**verb

- 1. To close and reopen both eyes quickly, e.g. *The loser in the staring game is the person who blinks first*.
- 2. Lights that go on and off quickly, e.g. The traffic lights were blinking; A car's indicator lights are blinking, it means that the car is getting ready to turn.





### block

### ►noun

- 1. A square (cubic) piece of any substance, e.g. The child was playing with blocks; I put a block of ice in the icebox.
- 2. A group of houses circled by a road, e.g. I'm going for a walk around the block
- 3. An apartment building, e.g. I live in the pink block of flats.

# ►verb [block, blocking, blocked]

• To be plugged up; to have an obstacle in the way, e.g. The pipe is blocked; All the roads to Vrindavan were blocked by police so we had to park the car and then walk; Please move, you are blocking my view of the television.



• A name of a company, e.g. Which brand of soap do you use?

• To mark animals to show ownership, e.g. The cow was branded with a trident to show that it belonged to the ashram.





**brick** ►noun

• A hardened rectangular block of mud, clay etc, used for building, e.g. This wall is made of bricks.

# **►**adjective

 Made of bricks, e.g. We live in a brick house; Do you know how to build a brick wall?

### clank

# ►verb [clank, clanking, clanked]

• A loud sound of metal or glass, e.g. The glasses in the box clanked together.

### clench.

#### ►verb

• To hold tightly (hands or teeth only), e.g. He clenched his fists in anger; He was so nervous that he was clenching his teeth.

### click

#### ▶noun

• A short light sound,

# ►verb [click, clicking, clicked]

- 1. A short light sound, e.g. I turned the key, the lock clicked and the door opened; Stop clicking your tongue; The magician clicked his fingers and the rabbit disappeared.
- 2. To press and release a button on a computer, e.g. Click on the window at the bottom of the screen.



### ▶noun

• A lighter sound than 'clank', e.g. You could hear the clink of the glasses from the next room and they all shouted, "Cheers!"



### clock

#### ▶noun

• An instrument used to measure time, e.g. We have a clock on the back wall of our classroom.

#### clunk

#### ▶noun

• A dull, metallic sound, e.g. I heard a clunk then the car stopped.





# crack

►noun

• A thin line where something has broken, e.g. There were cracks in the ground; There was a big crack in the road.



►verb [crack, cracking, cracked]

• To form cracks, e.g. It's

been so dry, the ground is starting to crack; The egg

cracked and the baby chicken came out.

### cramp

### ▶noun

• A painful contraction of a muscle, e.g. I have a cramp in my leg; I have a cramp in my stomach.

### crank

#### ▶noun

- (informal) An ill-tempered person; one who complains a great deal, *e.g. He is a crank pot*.
- To wind up or increase the power of something, e.g. Crank up the generator; Crank up the volume of the stereo.



### crept

• Simple past tense and past participle of **creep** (see below)

### creep

# ►verb [creep, creeping, crept]

• To move slowly with the abdomen close to the ground. e.g. Lizards and snakes crept over the ground; He tried to creep past the guard without being seen.

#### ▶noun

• A creepy person, e.g. I don't like the way he looks at me, he is a creep.

# crisp

### **►**adjective

• Crunchy, e.g. Please cook my paratha well, I like crisp parathas.

### ►noun

• (UK only) Potato chips, e.g. I like tomato flavoured crisps.





### crust

#### ▶noun

• The outer part of bread or pizza, *e.g. Don't throw away the crust*.

### crunch

# ►verb [crunch, crunching, crunched]

- 1. To eat noisily, e.g. I can hear the sound of you crunching that packet of chips.
- 2. To be crushed with a noisy crackling sound, e.g. Beetles crunched beneath the men's heavy boots as they worked.

#### drank

# ►verb [drink, drinking, drank, drunk]

• Simple past of drink, e.g. I was feeling so hot that I drank a whole bottle of water.

### drink

# ►verb [drink, drinking, drank, drunk]

- 1. To consume (a liquid) through the mouth, e.g. *You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.*
- 2. To consume alcoholic beverages, e.g. You've been drinking, haven't you?, No thanks, I don't drink.



### drift

# ►verb [drift, drifting, drifted]

- 1. To float in the water or air without direction, e.g. The boat drifted away from the shore; The balloon was drifting in the breeze.
- 2. To move around without aim, e.g. He drifted from town to town, never settling down.

# driftwood

### ▶noun

• A piece of wood that is floating in the ocean or a piece of wood that has been floating in the ocean for some time, e.g. Our boat hit a piece of driftwood; When trees fall into the ocean, they become driftwood.



### drunk

### ►verb [drink, drinking, drank, drunk]

• Past participle of **drink**, e.g. Who has drunk all the lemonade? Have you drunk enough water today?

### **►**adjective

• A person who has drunk alcohol and is not in his right mind, *e.g. Don't talk to him, he is drunk.* 

### ▶noun

• A person who drinks too much alcohol, e.g. He is a mean drunk.

### flick

### **►**noun/verb

• To use the finger or hand to remove something, *e.g.* She flicked away the bug with her finger; He removed the speck of dust with a flick of his finger.







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### flock

### ▶noun

• A large number of birds or some other types of animals, *e.g.* The flock was flying west; The flock of sheep was eating grass on the mountain top.

# ►verb [flock, flocking, flocked]

• To crowd together, come in masses, e.g. People flocked to the temple to see the boat festival.

### frank

# **►**adjective

Very honest, e.g. May I be frank with you? To be frank, I don't see him working very hard.



### frost

A thin layer of ice found outside in the morning, e.g. We went for an early morning in the park and our shoes became cold and wet from the frost on the grass.

# glint

# ►verb [glint, glinting, glinted]

A short flash of light, e.g. There was a glint of sunshine;

#### ►noun

When he has that glint in his eyes, it means that he is thinking of an evil plan.



# graft

# ►verb [graft, grafting, grafted]

Two plants, cut and put together to make a new kind of tree, e.g. We grafted these two tomato plants together to make a stronger kind of tomato plant.

# grasp

►verb

To grip; to hold tightly, e.g. She was grasping the railing as she went down the stairs.



# Grinch

►Proper noun

A fictional creature; a demon, e.g. I read a story about the Grinch who stole Christmas.





### grunt

# ►verb [grunt, grunting, grunted]

- 1. A sound made in the throat that shows a lack of interest, e.g. When I asked him if he could drive us to the shops, he just grunted and kept watching the television.
- 2. The sound a pig makes, e.g. The pigs were grunting and it seemed as though they were talking to each other.

# pluck

# ►verb [pluck, plucking, plucked]

• To pull something out, e.g. Do not pluck flowers from the garden.



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# plump

### ➤adjective

1. Chubby, slightly fat, e.g. She is not thin, she is a little plump.

# plumper

comparative form of plump (more plump), e.g. You are plumper than me.

# plumpest

• Superlative form of plump (most plump), e.g. I am the plumpest girl in the class.



### print

►verb

- 1. To write without connecting the letters as in cursive script, *e.g. Print your name here* and sign below.
- 2. To use a machine (printing press) to make books and newspapers, e.g. This is a printing press, it prints books and newspapers; Srila Prabupada collected money so that he could get his books printed.

#### **>**noun

• The letters forming the text of a document. *E.g.* The print is too small for me to read.

### printer

#### ►noun

- 1. A company that prints books etc, e.g. She collected the books from the printer.
- 2. A machine that is attached to a computer that can print words or images onto paper, *e.g. Please put some paper in the printer.*



### scrap

#### ▶noun

• A leftover piece, e.g. Do you have any scrap paper that I can write on the back of? We ate most of the food, then gave the scraps to the dogs.



scrunch

# ►verb [scrunch, scrunching, scrunched]

1. To crumple and squeeze to make smaller, e.g. He scrunched the paper into a ball and threw it into the recycling bin.



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# skunk ►noun

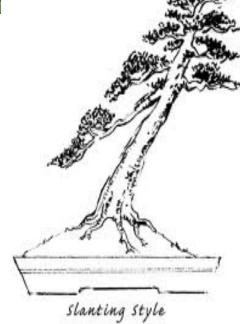
• An american animal that uses a bad smell to scare away larger animals , e.g. Keep away from the skunk, otherwise it will put a bad smell on you.

#### slant

### **►**noun/adjective

• Not straight, e.g. The tree is growing on a slant; The house is on a slant; Your nose is slanted.

**slept** Simple past tense and past participle of '**sleep**' (see below)



# sleep

# ►verb [sleep, sleeping, slept]

• To rest, to lie with the eyes closed, e.g. You should sleep for 8 hours a day; He slept until noon; It is time to sleep now;

### ►noun

Did you get enough sleep?





# slick

### ▶noun

• A covering of liquid, particularly oil, e.g. There's an oil slick on the road; The oil slick has now spread to cover the entire bay, endangering the sea life.



### smack

# ►verb [smack, smacking, smacked]

• To slap or hit someone, e.g. The man asked the lady to have dinner with him but she smacked him in the face.

# snack ►noun / adjective

• A light meal, food eaten between meals, e.g. She is having a snack; It is not good to eat too many snacks; Many snack foods are not good for health; Potato chips are a popular snack.

#### **►**verb

• To eat between meals, e.g. Stop snacking, otherwise you will not be hungry at dinner time.





# ►verb [spank, spanking, spanked]

• To beat, smack or slap a person's buttocks, with the bare hand or an object, as punishment, *e.g. Parents* sometimes spank their children for being naughty but it is better if they can explain to their child why their behaviour was wrong.

# speck

#### ▶noun

• A tiny spot, especially of dirt etc, e.g. There are tiny specks of dust covering my glasses.



### spend

# ►verb [spend, spending, spent]

• To use up money or time, e.g. I don't want to go to the shops, if I go, I will spend money; How much did you spend on fixing your cycle? Do not spend too much time on this homework, it should take a maximum of 1 hour.



# spring

►noun

- 1. The season in between winter and summer, *e.g.* We celebrate Holi in the spring.
- 2. A place where water emerges from the ground, *e.g. This water is bottled from a natural mountain spring*.
- 3. A curled wire that lets things go up and down, e.g. There is a spring inside my pen; There are big springs in cars that help them go smoothly over the bumps.





### stack

### ►noun

• A large pile, e.g. It is difficult to find a needle in a hay stack; Wow! That is a nice stack of pancakes.



# ►verb [stack, stacking, stacked]

• To arrange in a stack, to put one on top of the other, e.g. Please stack those chairs in the corner.

### stamp

►noun

- 1. An object that prints onto paper or the mark made by this object, e.g. When you arrive at the airport, the officer will put a stamp in your passport; My report card has the school stamp on it.
- 2. A postal ticket, e.g. I gave the man at the post office some money and he put a stamp on my letter.

# ►verb [stamp, stamping, stamped]

• To put a foot down heavily to make a noise, *e.g.* The child screamed and stamped his foot, but his mother did not give him the candy.







### stand

# ►verb [stand, standing, stood]

- 1. To be on two feet, not sitting or lying, e.g. I am standing at the bus stop waiting for the bus; Please stand up; Keep standing, do not sit down, He stood the broom in a corner and took a break.
- 2. To tolerate, e.g. I can't stand when children talk in class; I can't stand her constant complaining; I don't know how you can stand this heat.

►noun

 A small booth, where things are sold or a rack where things can be kept, e.g. He was looking for a magazine at the magazine stand.

### handstand

►noun

• To stand on one's hands, e.g. Do you know how do do a handstand? He is an expert in doing handstands.



►noun

• A small, thin branch from a tree or bush; a twig; a branch, e.g. The bird's nest was made out of sticks; He carries a stick to help him walk and to keep monkeys away.



# ►verb [stick, sticking, stuck]

• To glue; to adhere, e.g. Stick the label on the jar; The tape will not stick if the plastic is wet.

#### sticks

 Plural form of 'stick', e.g. I went to the forest to collect some sticks.

#### stock

# ►verb [stock, stocking, stocked]

• To count items, e.g. We have to keep stock of how many books are in the library; The stock-market keeps stock of how much money companies and countries have.



#### ▶noun

• Goods ready for sale, e.g. We have a stock of televisions on hand; The store stocks all kinds of dried vegetables.



# stuck

# **-**adjective

• Trapped and unable to move, e.g. The cat got stuck under the bed; I'm stuck on this question, I just cannot figure out the answer.



### stunt

#### ▶noun

• A daring or dangerous act, e.g. The stuntman fell when doing a stunt on his motorbike.

### ►verb [stunt, stunting, stunted]

• To slow down growth, e.g. It is very bad when children smoke cigarettes because it stunts their growth; You should eat many vegetables, otherwise your growth will be stunted and you will not grow tall; Malnutrition has stunted their growth.



### strap

#### ►noun

• A long strip for fastening something, e.g. I use a strap to make sure that my camera does not fall; My bag strap is broken.

# ►verb [strap, strapping, strapped]

• To fasten or bind with a strap or belt, *e.g. She strapped her baby into the pram*.





# string ►noun

• A thin rope, e.g. Tie the boxes up with string; My kite string broke and my kite flew away.



# street

►noun

• A road, e.g. Walk down the street; Children were playing cricket on the street.



### shrink

# ►verb [shrink, shrinking, shrank, shrunk]

- 1. To (cause to) become smaller, e.g.

  Sometimes cotton cloth shrinks a little bit on
  the first wash; Oh no! My pants have shrunk;
  She shrank my shirt by washing it in hot
  water.
- 2. To avoid, e.g. When I saw him, he shrank away from me, so I guess he does not want to talk to me.

### thank

# ►verb [thank, thanking, thanked]

• To show gratitude or appreciation to someone, e.g. She thanked him for the gift, It is important to thank people who help us; She has the habit of thanking her staff for their hard work.

### thick

### **►**adjective

• Not thin, e.g. This is a thick book; You made the curry nice and thick; Boil the milk for ten minutes so that it becomes thicker.

### think

### ►verb [think, thinking, thought]

- 1. To go over in one's head, e.g. Make sure you think carefully about which subjects to take next year; Have you thought about what you want to do for your birthday? Don't disturb him, he is thinking.
- 2. To have an opinion, e.g. I thought he was my friend so I trusted him but he stole my money; I thought it might be cold, so I brought my sweater.

### thump

#### ▶noun

• A blow that produces a muffled sound, e.g. He put his bag down with a loud thump.

# ►verb [thump, thumping, thumped]

• To hit (someone or something), e.g. She thumped him on the head with a book.



### thrust

# ►verb [thrust, thrusting, thrust]

• To stab, e.g. The sword-fighter thrust her sword into the other player.



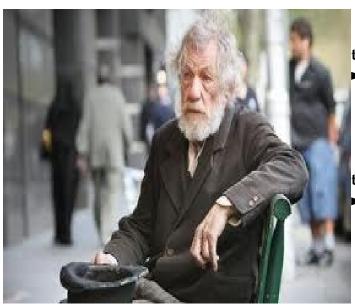
### track

#### ▶noun

- 1. A mark left by something that has passed along, e.g. Which of these tracks was made by a human? Which track was made by a bear?
- 2. A path, e.g. We followed the track to the top of the mountain.

### **►**verb

- 1. To observe something, e.g. Keep track of time and don't be late; Make sure you keep track of how much money you are spending.
- 2. To discover the location of a person, *e.g.* The police are trying to track down the criminals.



### tramp

### ►noun

• A homeless person; a bum, e.g. Everyone thinks that he is an ordinary tramp, but he was a rich man who donated all his money to the church.

#### trend

### ►noun

• A fashion style, e.g. He always follows fashion trends; The latest trend at our school is to wear different coloured socks.



### trick

#### ►noun

• Something designed to fool, e.g. The magician did a magic trick.

### ►verb

• To fool; to cheat, e.g. Krishna tricked the gopis by hiding.

### truck

#### ▶noun

• A large road vehicle used for transporting goods, e.g. My father drives a truck; When we moved house, our furniture was delivered by truck.

#### trust

# ►verb [trust, trusting, trusted]

1. To have confidence in; to rely on; put faith in, e.g. We can not trust people who have cheated us; We have to trust that God will help us.

# **trench** ►noun

• A long, narrow hole dug in the ground, especially in war time, *e.g.* The soldiers were hiding in the trench.









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### trunk

### ▶noun

- 1. The thick stem of a tree, e.g. The monkey climbed up the tree trunk and sat on the branch.
- 2. A large box for storage, e.g. I keep my toys in a wooden trunk.
- 3. (US, Canada) The back part of a car for carrying luggage, e.g. Open the trunk and put the bags in.
- 4. The long nose of an elephant, e.g. The elephant picked up a coin with its trunk.

#### twist

# ►verb [twist, twisting, twisted]

• To turn the ends of something, e.g. She twisted her hair; He twisted my arm; Stop twisting the cord.

# twisting

# **►**adjective

• Having many twists, e.g. The mountain road is even more twisting than the valley road.



### fiddle

- ▶noun
  - A violin, e.g. He likes to play the fiddle.
- ►verb
  - To play aimlessly, e.g. Stop fiddling with your hair.

### middle

- ►noun
  - The center; the part between the beginning

and the end, e.g. The baby pig is stuck in the middle of his parents; I woke up in the middle of the night; I got bored of the movie so I stopped watching it in the middle; Do not disturb him, he is in the middle of doing his homework.



# **►**adjective

• Being in the middle or in-between, e.g. What is your middle name? During the middle ages, Muslims ruled India.

### riddle

#### ▶noun

• A verbal puzzle, e.g. It's black, and white, and red all over. What is it? (a newspaper); Speak clearly, don't talk in riddles.



### bundle

#### ►noun

• A group of objects held together, e.g. He was carrying a bundle of sticks on his head; Please make these pencils into bundles of 8.

# ►verb [bundle, bundling, bundled]

• To tie or wrap together, e.g. Use this string to bundle the papers together; His mother bundled him up in lots of warm clothes.

# pickle

### ►noun

• A preserved food, e.g. We eat mango pickle with kitchery; Some people put cucumber pickles on their hamburgers.







### tickle

### **►**verb

To touch someone in a way that causes them to laugh, e.g. She was tickling his feet with a feather.

### twinkle

# ►verb [twinkle, twinkling, twinkled]

To shine with a flickering light; to

glimmer, e.g. The stars were twinkling in the dark sky; We could see the lights of the village twinkling in the distance;

#### ▶noun

He was a jolly man with a twinkle in his eye.

# sprinkle

# ►verb [sprinkle, sprinkling, sprinkled]

To cause something to fall in fine drops or pieces e.g. I sprinkled sugar over the cakes; I sprinkled glitter onto the paper; The sprinkler sprinkled water onto the grass; It is not raining, only sprinkling.



### mumble

# ►verb [mumble, mumbling, mumbled]

To speak without opening the mouth properly, e.g. Please try not to mumble so I can hear you better; I don't know what he said, he was mumbling; He mumbled something about having to go, then left.

### tumble

# ►verb [tumble, tumbling, tumbled]

A fall, e.g. He tumbled off his skateboard.

#### **►**noun

e.g. He had a bad tumble; He went for a tumble.

# grumble

# ►verb [grumble, grumbling, grumbled]

- 1. To make a low, growling or rumbling noise, like a hungry stomach or storm clouds, e.g. I knew there would be a storm because the clouds were grumbling; I am so hungry that my stomach is grumbling.
- 2. To complain, e.g. He grumbles about the food constantly; Stop grumbling about how much work you have to do.





**candle** ►noun

A wax stick that gives light when the wick is burnt, *e.g. The electricity went out so we lit some candles.* 

# handle

**-**noun

• A part of an object which is held in the hand, e.g. Turn the door handle and the door will open; Hold the bag by the handle.

# ►verb [handle, handling, handled]

1. To hold in the hands, e.g. Please handle the box gently, there are glasses inside.

2. To tolerate, e.g. I cannot handle the way he shouts at me; This child is difficult to handle.



►noun

• A common, round fruit, e.g. Apples and oranges are my favorite fruits; Do you like red apples or green apples?







# saddle

►noun

• A seat for a rider placed on the back of a horse, camel etc, *e.g.* The horserider was sitting in the saddle.



►adjective

- 1. Small in size, e.g. She held the little kitten in her hand.
- 2. Young or Younger, e.g. This is my little sister; When we were little, we used to play in that park.

#### bottle

▶noun

A container for holding water etc, e.g. Please pass the water bottle.





# gobble

- ►verb [gobble, gobbling, gobbled]
  - To eat hastily or greedily; to scoff, e.g. He gobbled four hot dogs in three minutes; Don't gobble your food, eat it slowly.







### uncle

#### ▶noun

• A brother or brother-in-law of someone's parent, *e.g.* He is my maternal uncle; Meet my Uncle Jim.



# purple

- ►adjective / noun
  - 1. Having a colour that is a dark blend of red and blue, e.g. Purple is her favorite colour; I have a purple purse.



# temple

- ►noun
  - A building for worship, e.g. We went to the Golden Temple in Varanasi.



### ►noun

• An ornament given as a prize, e.g. I won a gold medal in the running race.







pedal **>**noun



A lever operated by one's foot that is used to control a machine or mechanism, such as a bicycle or car, e.g. Bicycles have two pedals; The pedals on a car are for the brakes and accelerator.

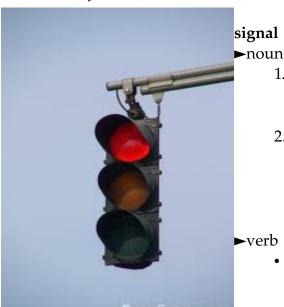
### metal

### ►noun

A hard shiny substance that can be molded to make different items, e.g. This is a metal plate; Cars are made of metal.

# petal ▶noun

The colourful leaves of a flower, e.g. She picked off a petal; At the wedding, the guests showered the bride and groom with flower petals; How many petals are there on this flower?



# signal

- 1. Something that gives a sign, e.g. Traffic lights are sometimes called 'traffic signals'.
- 2. An electromagnetic wave that comes through the air to make televisions, radios and phones work, e.g. I cannot make a call right now, my phone is not picking up any signal.

To give a sign to another person, e.g. The policeman signaled that we should stop the car.

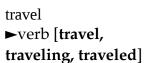


### gravel

#### ►noun

• Small rocks used to make roads; small black rocks found on the road, e.g. There was loose gravel on the road so it was difficult for me to ride my cycle.





• To go on a trip or journey, e.g. I like to travel; I've traveled the world.





#### ►noun

• An animal that can store water in its body and not drink for a long time, e.g. There are many camels in the desert in Afganistan.



# flannel

**►**adjective

• A soft warm cloth, e.g. I like to wear flannel shirts in the winter time.



**►**adjective

• The same height at all places, e.g. This table isn't quite level; see how this marble rolls off it?



• A floor of a multi-storey

building, e.g. Take the stairs and exit at the ground level.

• A grade of difficulty, e.g. I am taking maths at the easiest level possible.

# ►verb [level, leveling, leveled]

• To make flat, e.g. The hurricane leveled the forest; Tractor is leveling the ground.





# nickel

### ►noun

- 1. A metal with the same colour a silver, *e.g.* This ring is not silver, it is nickle.
- 2. (US, Canada, countable) A coin worth 5 cents, *e.g. One candy costs a nickle*.



# tunnel

**-**noun

An underground passage, e.g. The train went through the tunnel.